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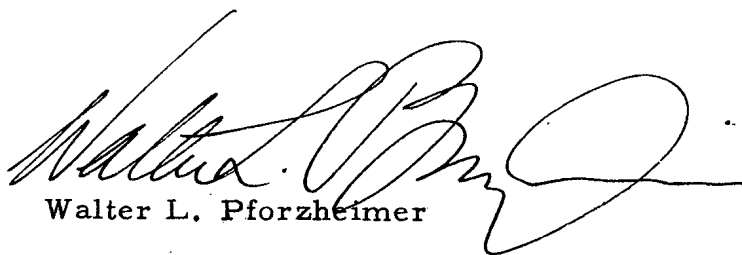
10 October 1951

Memorandum for: The Director

From: Legislative Counsel

Subject: CIA Construction Appropriation

1. On 8 October, the House Appropriations Committee reported out the Military Public Works appropriations, but completely eliminated the item for the CIA building.
2. The steps taken to secure the appropriation and reasons for its elimination are attached herewith as TAB A.
3. The proposed steps to secure the appropriation in the Senate are attached as TAB B.

  
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Steps Taken for CIA Construction Appropriation

1. On August 15th, immediately after enactment in the House of the Authorization Bill, I informed George Harvey, Chief Clerk of the House Appropriations Committee, of the specific appropriation which would be requested in Title IV of the Military Public Works Bill for a CIA building. Harvey reassured me that in accordance with our customary procedure he would inform Chairman Cannon of the House Appropriations Committee, and Chairman Mahon of the Armed Services Appropriations Subcommittee, and would keep me informed on subsequent steps. The subject was discussed again with Mr. Harvey on August 20th.

2. The House recessed on August 23rd, resumed on September 12th, and shortly thereafter took up Title I of the Military Public Works Bill.

3. On September 28th, I learned that the hearings were rapidly approaching Title IV. On October 1st I again talked with Mr. Harvey, who reassured me that if I heard nothing further from him no appearance would be necessary before the Committee.

4. On October 2nd Mr. Harvey called to report that Congressman Mahon wished to discuss the appropriation with me. I asked whether Mr. Mahon desired me to bring the Deputy Director (Mr. Wolf) with me, and was informed that he merely wished to discuss the matter informally with me. I briefed Congressman Mahon that afternoon, pointing out that Chairmen Vinson and Russell had handled the matter personally for us in the Armed Services Committees. Mr. Mahon thought that this would be the best way to handle it. If any further information was desired, he said, he would be in touch with me.

5. On October 9th, I learned that the bill had been reported out the previous day and that it did not contain CIA funds. I telephoned Congressman Mahon, who informed me that the item had been eliminated from the bill; that he had not been informed about it previous to October 2nd; that the Subcommittee thought it too late to be considered; and therefore had rejected the item. He suggested that we have the item restored in the Senate Appropriations

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Committee and that it be brought to conference. I asked him whether he would accept it in conference and he stated he was inclined to do so, but would not consider himself bound at the present time.

6. Mr. Harvey discussed with Chairmen Cannon and Mahon the possibility of inserting the item by Floor amendment but Cannon also recommended that it be restored in the Senate and brought to conference at which time they would have a chance to consider it in greater detail.

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Recommended Remedies to Secure  
CIA Construction Appropriation

1. Ascertain whether the "Second Supplemental Appropriation Bill, 1952", in which the Public Works funds are included, will be considered by the full Senate Appropriations Committee (as is traditional), or by a Subcommittee. This question will be resolved by the Appropriations Committee before the end of this week.

2. Determine when these hearings will be held. Present schedule indicates they will follow hearings on the Mutual Assistance Act Appropriation. These hearings are scheduled to start on Monday, October 15th.

3. Request a hearing on the CIA item before the appropriate Senate Appropriations group. It is preferable that the Director appear personally at this hearing.

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4. If the Senate approves inclusion of the CIA request, it is recommended that the Director brief Chairman Cannon and Messrs. Mahon and [ ] on the importance of this project and urge them to accept the Senate amendment in conference.

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5. The Director may consider it desirable to mention this matter to the President with the thought that the President may bring it up at his weekly conference with the legislative leaders and request them to support the CIA item.

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